***Statement-II***

*Rise and fall of Consumer Price Index Numbers during the last three years and January, 2007*

| Month | Year 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Base-1982-100 | Base-1982-100 | Base-2001-100 | Base-2001-100 |
| January | 504 | 526 | 119 | 127 |
| February | 504 | 525 | 119 | |
| March | 504 | 525 | 119 | |
| April | 504 | 529 | 120 | |
| May | 508 | 527 | 121 | |
| June | 512 | 529 | 123 | |
| July | 517 | 538 | 124 | |
| August | 522 | 540 | 124 | |
| September | 523 | 542 | 125 | |
| October | 526 | 548 | 127 | |
| November | 525 | 553 | 127 | |
| December | 521 | 550 | 127 | |

Note: All-India Conversion factor of CPI-IW (Base 2001=100) to CPI-IW (Base 1982=100)=4.63.

**Rehabilitation of closed textile mills workers**

2525. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the effect of New Economic Policy on employment opportunities for workers;

(b) how many factories and SSI units were closed during the last three years; and

(c) whether there is any scheme for rehabilitation of closed textile mills workers in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) There is a positive impact of the New Economic Policy on employment opportunities. As per two most recent quinquennial rounds of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) on employment and unemployment, employment opportunities on Current Daily Status basis were estimated at 337.20 million in 1999-2000 (55th round), which has gone up to 382.66 million in 2004-05 (61st round).

(b) As per the data compiled by the Labour Bureau, the number of units closed during the last three years is as below:

| Year | No. of Units closed |
|---|---|
| 2004 | 194 |
| 2005 | 86 |
| 2006(P) | 157 |

P: Provisional

In so far as only SSI units are concerned, as per the Third Census of SSI units conducted with reference year 2001-02, out of 22.62 lakh registered SSI units 8.87 lakh were closed.

(c) One of the welfare measures taken by the Ministry of Textiles for the workers of closed textile mills in the country including the State of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh is Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS). This scheme provides interim relief to the displaced workers of permanently closed mills in the private sector. This relief is over and above the statutory dues, if any, payable by any other authorities. Under the scheme an eligible worker of an eligible closed textile mill is entitled to receive relief for 3 years on a tapering basis, i.e., 75% of his/her wage equivalent in the first year, 50% in the second year and 25% in the final year.

The number of workers having availed the benefit under TWRFS in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh are 2995, 51002 and nil respectively.